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SUBJECT: MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION AWARD PRESENTATION

FOR CPOIC/POIC SEABEE TEAM PASS TO ALL SEABEES

1. THE MERRITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION WAS RECENTLY RECOM-
MENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THE NAVAL SUPPORT
UNIT. THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (HON J. WM. MIDDENDORF)
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APPROVED THIS AWARD AND THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE TO THE

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UNIT BY MR. JOHN THOMAS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ADMINISTRATION ON 12 MARCH 1975 IN THE HENRY CLAY ROOM, DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION SUITE, EIGHTH FLOOR OF MAIN STATE.

2. RADM ISELIN, VICE COMMANDER, NAVFACENGCOM, WITH CAPT NELSON, CAPT ANDERSON, CDR PHENIX AND MASTER CHIEF MCCULLY OF NAVFAC AND LCDR HOPPER OF BUPERS PARTICIPATED IN THE CEREMONY.

3. THE MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION READS AS FOLLOWS: FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FROM 7 JANUARY 1967 TO 31 DECEMBER 1974. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE NAVAL SUPPORT UNIT STATE DEPARTMENT WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ASSURING THE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF A WIDE VARIETY OF FOREIGN POSTS BY PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION EXPERTISE SURVEILLANCE OF FOREIGN CONTRACTORS, AND RAPID RESPONSE TO IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS IN SENSITIVE AREAS OF POSTS AROUND THE WORLD. THE UNIT MAINTAINED AND MANAGED AN EXTENSIVE ARSENAL OF PROTECTIVE SECURITY ORDNANCE, PIONEERED IN A COMPREHENSIVE VEHICLE ARMORING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S COUNTER-TERRORIST PROGRAM, AND STEADILY EXPANDED ITS SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF TECHNICAL SECURITY OPERATIONS WHICH GUARANTEED THE INTEGRITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S POSTS ABROAD. BY THEIR OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL COMPETENCE, REMARKABLE CAPACITY TO WORK EFFECTIVELY UNDER THE MOST ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE WHEREVER REQUIRED, THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE NAVAL SUPPORT UNIT, STATE DEPARTMENT WON THE RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP OF SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, FOREIGN DIGNITARIES, AND THE FOREIGN CRAFTSMEN ALONGSIDE WHOM THEY FREQUENTLY LABORED; THEREBY REFLECTING CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES AND UPHOLDING THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

4. THE SECURITY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE ALSO PRESENTED THE UNIT WITH A VERY IMPRESSIVE PLAQUE DISPLAYING THE STATE DEPARTMENT SEAL WITH THE FOLLOWING ENGRAVING SIGNED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY A. KISSINGER:
TO THE NAVAL SUPPORT UNIT, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS
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OUR DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NAVAL SUPPORT UNIT FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR SECURITY PROGRAM OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR ASSOCIATION WITH SEABEES WHOSE PERFORMANCE HAS TRULY REFLECTED A "CAN DO" SPIRIT.

5. IT WAS AN HONOR TO ACCEPT THESE AWARDS ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNIT. CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE.

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